

January 4, 2012

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 8am at City Hall for their postponed regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Anderson, Heitmann, Hanlon and Mayor Olson presiding. No quorum was reached for the 7pm January 3, 2012 meeting.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Anderson and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report and the repayment of the temporary yearend cash fund balance transfers between Electric and Sewer= \$67,000; between Retirement Trust and Insurance Trust=\$1,700; between Debt Services=\$1,657.90; and between General and Fed Gas Tax Reserve=\$1,382.48 was approved on a motion by Heitmann and seconded by Hanlon. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Anderson and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	327.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,083.33	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	12,153.58	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,618.04	salaries
Culture & Recr Payroll	1,142.75	salaries
First State Bank	6,203.52	ss & wh
City of Groton	1,038.49	emp sav, fam cr util
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	800.00	emp savings
Credit Collection Bureau	29.70	collection fee
Gerdes, Jim	100.00	Santa
Monson, Cody	417.22	dep & overpmt ref
US Post Office	270.64	postage
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE sewer loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St water loan
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1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA loan
1st National Bank	960.99	flood loan
1st National Bank	11,185.08	2011 sewer loan int
A&B Business	52.68	tape
Border States	1,303.34	supplies
Buhl's	28.00	rent
Chase Visa	138.73	bks, repairs, supp
Clark Engineering	6,617.45	eng
Dakota Press	293.85	publishing
Dakota Supply Group	903.73	supplies
Evergreen Supply	156.00	oxygen contract
Ellwein Bros	6,297.15	beer
Groton Independent	433.42	publishing
Heartland Cons Power Dist	19,423.46	breaker loan
Heartland Waste	5,317.16	garbage hauling
Irby	120.60	lamps
James Valley Tele	674.04	phones, internet
Johnson Bros	6,254.60	liquor
Johnson, Drew	800.00	legal services
Locators & Supplies	214.59	lens
Menard's	91.00	water, sink
Nelson Sales & Service	129.55	saw repairs
NECOG	1,436.69	2012 dues
NW Energy	2,359.89	power delivery
NW Energy	9.89	nat gas
Olson Backhoe	714.28	digging
Porter Dist Co	1,188.10	beer
Republic Bev Co	2,918.84	beer

Resco	239.50	sensors
SD Board of Operator Cert	30.00	certifications
SD Dept of Env & Nat Res	1,500.00	annual fee
SD Dept of Health	252.00	testing
SD Retirement	6,669.15	retirement
SD State Treasurer	8,823.62	sales tax
SD Water & WW Assoc	20.00	2012 dues
Sewer Saver	196.10	video inspection
T&R Electric	5,387.50	transformers
US Post Office	190.00	annual permit
WEB Water	8,439.53	water
Wesco	694.00	supplies

Department reports were given. The sewer main in E 11th Ave between Broadway and Main St will need to be relined due to cement damage. Mayor Olson reported on the successful meeting with school officials regarding the N 1st St project and the possible widening of E 9th Ave from Broadway to 1st St. The lack of ice for skating and the cancellation of the Carnival of Silver Skates was reported. A request from the school for use of the soccer field if soccer becomes sanctioned will be investigated.

Council reported on a meeting with Jerrie Vedvei regarding her suggestion on forming an adult advisory committee to help with planning and policy at the swimming pool. Mayor Olson will work with her to form the committee.

Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Anderson to recognize the following employees and volunteers and thank them for their service to the city: Baseball volunteers: Jerry Locke, Brenda Waage, Meri Erickson, Brenda Madson, Matt Locke, Steve Giedt, Scott Thorson, Lars Hanson, Mike Weber, many concession stand workers, Kiwanis and Legion members. Swimming Pool volunteers: Jerrie Vedvei, Tom Woods, Patti Woods, Kelly Hanson, Karla Pasteur, & Betty Breck. Planning and Zoning members @ \$25/meeting: Gordon Nelson, Les Hinds, Sherwin Nyberg, Jeff Steen, and David Blackmun. City employees and their positions: Anita Lowary, Finance Officer @ \$4,861.22/month; Peggy Locke, Deputy Finance Officer @ \$17.40/hr; April Abeln, Asst. Finance Officer @ \$17.00/hr; Stacy Mayou, Police Chief @ \$4,278.82/month; Jerry Bjerke, Asst. Police Chief @ \$3,809.26/month; Justin Cleveland, Police Officer @ \$3,652.74/month; Wes Graff, Police Officer @ \$2,773.68/month; Terry Herron, Public Works Coordinator & Water Supt @ \$24.05/hr; Paul Kosel, Public Works Tech Worker @ \$20.50/hr; Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt @ \$21.05/hr; Branden Abeln, Asst Street Supt @ \$19.25/hr; Ward Gilchrist, Electric Supt @ \$35.75/hr; Jamie Harrington, Electric Lineman @ \$29.34/hr; Jim Gerdes, Part-time Public Works Laborer @ \$13.50/hr; Ed Nehls, Parks Supt @ \$1,470.00/month; Justin Olson, Katelyn Hawkins Warming House Attendants Over 1 yr Exp @ \$7.50/hr; Kylie Hawkins, Tara Telkamp, Char Telkamp, and Holly Carlson 1st Yr Warming House Attendants @ \$7.25/hr. All members present voted aye.

Acceptance of the 2012 gravel bid was tabled until more council members were present.

No updated contract from NW Energy for power wheeling had been received and was tabled.

The procedure to vacate an unused easement on Steve Gebur's property was discussed and a hearing was set for 1/16/12.

A request from the Chamber to have the City hang and store decorative banners along Hwy 12 was discussed and will be investigated.

The purchase of a state bid, new ¾ ton pickup for towing for \$21,532 was tabled until more used options are investigated.

The police vehicle to replace the 2005 Tahoe with a state bid vehicle and options would be \$29,553. A grant for 100% costs for a new state radio, new computer, and 80% of a new radar unit are now available. Other types of vehicles, resale values, mileage,

road conditions, service and warranty work locations were discussed and the purchase was tabled.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Opp to authorize Mayor Olson to sign the contract with Independent Audit Services, PC, Madison, SD to complete the 2010-2011 audit for \$11,000 if approved by the SD Dept of Legislative Audit. All members present voted aye.

The proposed safety manual was discussed, especially monitoring requirements for compliance, inspections, and meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Roy L. Olson, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer